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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/US 98/ 27228</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>22/12/1998</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)
Applicant  <b>THE PROCTER &amp; GAMBLE COMPANY et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ None of the figures.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K7/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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